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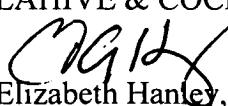
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**WRITTEN ASSERTION OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

Dear Sir:

Small entity status for the above-identified application is hereby asserted under 37 C.F.R. 1.27(c)(1).

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